

**NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
ROOM 302**

**August 1, 2007
8:00 AM**

Meeting called to order by Chairman David Nixon

Present: David Nixon, Deborah Schachter, Douglas O'Brien and Karol Lacroix

Absent: Patricia Quigley, John Blair and Dale Kuehne.

Also Present: New Hampshire Deputy Attorney General, Bud Fitch

- Chairman David Nixon introduced and welcomed Karol Lacroix to the Executive Branch Ethics Committee.
- The minutes of the July 11, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Advisory Opinion **2007-011** was reviewed and discussed. After changes were made, the committee members signed it. It will be held for the signatures of other committee members before being distributed.
- The following Draft Advisory Opinions were considered:

Advisory Opinion 2007-12

Do the ethics laws prohibit an executive branch official directly involved in the regulation of non-profits and charities from soliciting money on their behalf?

Review and discussion was held. Bud Fitch will revise the opinion to present to the committee at the next meeting.

Draft Advisory Opinion 2007-13

Do the ethics laws prohibit an executive branch official from participating in regulatory activities relative to a non-profit or charity when a family member serves on the board or works in a policy or operational management decision making capacity for the non-profit or charity?

Review and discussion was held. Bud Fitch will revise the opinion to present to the committee at the next meeting.

- Committee members reviewed and approved the prepared educational brochures. They will be presented to the Legislative Ethics Committee for possible joint approval.
- Committee members reviewed the following three advisory opinions:

Advisory Opinion 2007-0XXX

Can an executive branch official directly solicit contributions for a non-profit or charity from organizations or businesses that do business with the State through the executive branch official?

Advisory Opinion 2007-0XXX

May an executive branch official whose duties include the inspection and regulation of a profession hold a second job coordinating or teaching in a State operated apprenticeship program for that profession?

Advisory Opinion 2007-0XXX

May an executive branch official whose duties include the inspection and regulation of a profession hold a second job conducting or working for a business that teaches mandatory classes on the law, rules, or code that the official enforces?

It was decided that these proposed Advisory Opinions would be discussed further at the September meeting.

- No new inquiries have been submitted to the committee.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary